[Mr. Kallur Narayana Pillai.]

(*b*) whether there have been representations regarding it in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly and whether it has been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(*c*) whether the Government will take steps to establish a dispensary there?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

Transfer of Medical Officers from the Neyyattinkara Hospital.

259. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Medical Officer, Mr. Abraham George, was transferred from the Neyyattinkara District Hospital;

(*b*) the number of officers who were appointed to succeed him since then and the periods during which each of them was holding office in the said hospital;

(*c*) whether the present incumbent too is not under orders of transfer; and

(*d*) what necessitated the frequent changes in the *personnel* in that hospital?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Deputy Surgeon A. George was transferred from the District Hospital, Neyyattinkara, on the 7th Edavam 1101.

(*b*) Assistant Surgeon R. Raghava Puduval from the 11th Edavam 1101 to the 12th Chingam 1102.

Assistant Surgeon C. J. Titus from the 16th Chingam 1102 to the 15th Kanni 1102.

Assistant Surgeon K. N. Raghunatha Rao from the 3rd Tulam 1102, till the present incumbent, Assistant Surgeon S. Christian, took charge.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) As Assistant Surgeon R. Raghava Puduval had to undergo training in Ophthalmology for a period of six months in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum, he had to be relieved from the District Hospital, Neyyattinkara, and to relieve him as a temporary measure till a permanent officer was posted, Mr. C. J. Titus was appointed.

MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): Regarding the latter part of the answer to part (*d*), may I know when Mr. Regunatha Rao was relieved by Mr. Christian?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That information is not before the Government.

MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): May I know when Mr. Christian took charge?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is just what I answered by saying that the information is not before the Government.

MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): Was not Mr. Reghunatha Rao in charge of the hospital when this question was forwarded?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have no information.

MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): In the answer to part (*d*), it is said that Mr. Titus was posted as a temporary measure till a permanent officer is posted. Then, was he relieved by a permanent hand?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say.

MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): Was it not Mr. Ragunatha Rao who relieved Mr. Titus?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is stated in the answer itself.

MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): Then for what period was he in charge of the hospital?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In reply to the first question, I have answered that I do not know when Mr. Ragunatha Rao was posted.

MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): It is seen from the answers to this question that, within a period of six months, about five or six surgeons have been transferred. Do not the Government consider that it is injurious to the interests of the patients to have such frequent transfers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Of course, when exigencies arise, such transfers may have to be made sometimes. We cannot lay a hard and fast rule as to when and how a person could be transferred.

MR. X. G. LOPEZ (*Nominated*): Do not the Government think that the patients have to entrust their lives to Medical Officers when they have not had occasion to know their ability and as such it is better that Medical Officers should be given a fairly long period for remaining in any one institution?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is purely a matter of opinion.

Ezhava Graduate applicants for posts in the Police, Excise and Registration Departments.

260. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Ezhava graduates who applied for—

(i) Inspectors' places in the Police and the Excise Departments; and

(ii) Sub-Registrars' places,

in each of the last three years (1099-1101); and

(*b*) the number appointed in each of the years in each department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) (i) *Police Department.*

1099—3
1100—9
1101—10

(ii) *Excise Department.*

1101—1

1099—Nil.
1100 Nil.
1101—3.

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